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FORMER KATAHDIN AREA RESIDENTS
SURVEY REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Millinocket Area Growth and Investment Council (MAGIC) engaged the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center to conduct this study of former residents of the Katahdin Area (defined as Millinocket, East Millinocket, and Medway). The aim was to understand characteristics of those who left the region and why they left, how these former residents compare the Katahdin Area to where they currently live, and to solicit respondents' views on strategies to encourage former residents to return and on barriers to returning to the area. This report presents the results of a mail survey of former Katahdin residents conducted between February, 2006 and April, 2006. It is anticipated that the results will be used by MAGIC to help in developing strategies for encouraging people and businesses to locate in the region.

Respondent Characteristics and Reasons for Leaving

- A majority (53.1%) live in Maine; just under one-third (31.4%) indicated they live in other New England states; and 15.5% indicated they lived in states outside New England.
- Respondents show a relatively high level of educational attainment, with 43.7% reporting a bachelor's or graduate degree, a proportion roughly twice that of Penobscot County or the state of Maine as a whole.
- Over two-thirds (71.0%) reported that they worked full time, part-time, or were self-employed, and just over one-fifth reported being retired. For those who reported that they worked, 42.8% classified their type of work as professional or manager.
- The average age of respondents when they left is 25.6 years and the median is 21 years. The most frequently observed value (mode) is 18 years, the age most students graduate from high school. Three-quarters left when they were 27 years or younger.
- Respondents were asked to rank the importance of various reasons for leaving after their most recent period of living in the Katahdin Area. 'Got a job elsewhere,' 'go to school,' and 'look for a job elsewhere' were ranked as being the most important reasons. The degree of importance attributed to these three reasons is considerably higher than for the remaining five reasons.
- 96.6% of those responding reported having family and friends in the Katahdin Area. Almost all respondents indicated that they had visited since leaving. Of those who visited, 92% reported visiting since 2000 and almost three-quarters (73.1%) reported visiting in either 2005 or 2006. Slightly more than half (55.2%) visit more than once a year.

Likelihood to Return, Comparisons of Katahdin Area with Current Residence, and Strategies to Encourage Former Residents to Return

There were some statistically significant differences between those indicating they could return to the area and those indicating they would never return:

- Younger respondents were much more likely to indicate that they could return than older respondents: 53.6% of those under age 40 indicated they could return, while only 30.7% of those 65 years or older indicated they could return.
- Respondents who visit the Katahdin Area more than once a year were much more likely to indicate they could return (55.5%) than were those who visit less frequently. Those who visit only once every few years were the least likely to indicate they could return.
- Respondents who indicated they could return are more likely to be working full time or be self-employed (72.4% working, 14.1% retired), while those indicating they would never return are more likely to be retired (52.4% working, 18.9% retired).

Respondents were asked to compare the Katahdin Area with their current place of residence on a variety of factors, using a five point scale.

- Close to two-thirds rated housing affordability as being 'better' or 'much better' in the Katahdin Area compared to their current living location. The Katahdin Area also compared favorably with respondents' current living location in terms of housing availability (44.2% 'much better' or 'better') and in availability of recreational activities (40.1% 'much better' or 'better').
- More than two-thirds rated three factors as being 'worse' or 'much worse' in the Katahdin Area compared to their current living location: career opportunities, cultural and social activities, and business opportunities. Over half rated four other factors as being 'worse' or 'much worse' in the Katahdin Area: salary/wage levels, public transportation availability, college availability, and being a good place for single life.

Respondents were asked to rate the importance of various strategies to attract former residents to return to the area, and to select the one from the list they thought was the single most important strategy.

- The three strategies rated as being most important were create more jobs, attract new and diverse business, and better paying jobs.
- When asked to select the single most important strategy, creating more jobs was the most frequent response (45.1%), followed by attracting new and diverse business (17.2%) and then better paying jobs (14.4%). The remaining eight strategies together were chosen by 23.3% of the respondents, with no one strategy being selected by more than 4.5% of the respondents. (These eight strategies were: improve retail shopping opportunities, improve availability of health care, create business tax incentives, attract more cultural events, improve education quality, develop retiree programs/services, improve recreation opportunities, and improve public transportation.)

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INTRODUCTION

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The appendices to this report present the survey materials as well as overall responses to each question from all those who completed and returned questionnaires.

METHODOLOGY

Survey Sample

The survey sample used in this study was based on two separate mailing lists: a random sample from the Millinocket-Stearns Alumni Association mailing list and a list of individuals provided by the Millinocket Area Growth and Investment Council resulting from its efforts in soliciting names of people who had left the Katahdin Area. The original survey sample contained a total of 774 individuals from the Millinocket-Stearns Alumni Association mailing list and 468 individuals from the MAGIC list.

Two questionnaires were returned by individuals who were on both mailing lists (under different names) and had already completed and returned the questionnaires. These duplicate questionnaires were removed from the survey sample. During the course of the study, a number of the mailings were returned by the postal service as undeliverable. Those returned with forwarding addresses were then mailed to the appropriate address as indicated. A total of 90 surveys were returned with no forwarding address and were determined to be undeliverable. Since those individuals did not have the opportunity to participate in the survey, they were removed from the original survey sample. Seven members of the original survey sample also were considered ineligible because they indicated through phone, mail, or email that they currently were residing in the Katahdin Area. In addition, four other members of the original survey sample were removed because they were reported to be either too ill to complete the questionnaire or were deceased. The final survey sample contained a total of 1,135 individuals. Table 1 presents the original survey sample, the total number of records removed, and the final survey sample.

Table 1
Original and Final Survey Sample

	MAGIC List	Stearns Alumni List	Total
Original Survey Sample	468	774	1,242
Records Removed			
Duplicates	0	2	2
Undeliverable	41	49	90
Ineligible	1	10	11
Unable to Complete	1	3	4
Total Removed	43	64	107
Survey Sample	425	710	1,135

Survey Implementation

The survey questionnaire was developed in close cooperation with representatives of the Millinocket Area Growth and Investment Council. The questionnaire was developed to solicit demographic information on respondents, reasons for leaving the Katahdin Area, any plans for returning, perceptions of the Katahdin Area, and recommended strategies for attracting former residents to the area.

The original survey mailing was sent on February 14, 2006. The original mailing (see Appendix 1) included a cover letter explaining the purpose of the survey, the questionnaire, and a postage-paid return envelope. On March 15, 2006, a replacement mailing including a cover letter (see Appendix 1), a replacement questionnaire, and a postage-paid return envelope was sent to the 700 members of the survey sample who had not completed and returned a questionnaire by that date. Completed and returned questionnaires from the original and follow-up mailings were received through April 19, 2006. Eleven surveys were received after this arbitrarily set deadline and were not entered for analysis.

Responses from returned, completed questionnaires were entered into a computer data file. The data file was cleaned to reconcile any values out of range and for logical inconsistencies. A total of 671 completed questionnaires were received, representing 59.1% of the final survey sample. Table 2 presents the final survey sample and respondents by group.

Table 2
Survey Sample and Respondents

Group	Survey Sample	Respondents	Percent Responding
MAGIC List	425	285	67.1%
Stearns Alumni List	710	386	54.4%
Total	1,135	671	59.1%

DEMOGRAPHICS OF RESPONDENTS

Demographic characteristics examined include current region of residence, age, gender, marital status, household composition, education, and work status, whether or not the respondent has family or friends in the Katahdin Area and if respondents' parents were born in the Katahdin Area.

We also analyzed whether selected demographic characteristics vary in a statistically significant manner across four factors that could be related to respondent's decision to return to the Katahdin Area to live. The four factors are respondents' region of residence, age, visitation frequency to the Katahdin Area, and the likelihood of returning to the Katahdin Area to live.

Respondent Current Residence

Survey respondents were asked to indicate their current state of residence. Respondents live in 44 different states. A majority of respondents (53.1%) live in Maine. States as far away as Alaska are home to the remaining 46.9%. To provide a regional picture of residence, residence was classified into three regions: Maine, other New England states, and all other states. Just under one-third of respondents (31.4%) indicated they lived in other New England states and 15.5% indicated they lived in states outside New England.

Respondents were asked how many years they have lived at their current residence. The median number of years at the current residence is 11.0 years, indicating that half of the respondents have lived longer than 11.0 years and half 11.0 or fewer years at their current residence. The average number of years respondents have lived at their current residence is 15.6 years.

Respondent Gender, Age, Marital Status and Household Composition

Respondent gender distribution was about even, with 53.2% being female and 46.3% being male. The average age of female and male respondents is 51.6 and 53.2 years respectively. The average age of all respondents is 52.4 years. Table 3 presents the proportion of respondents by age categories.

Table 3
Respondent Age by Gender

Age Category	Female	Male	All
Under 40	23.3%	17.7 %	21.2%
40 – 49	28.9%	28.1%	28.5%
60 – 64	26.7%	27.7%	27.7%
65 and over	21.1%	25.5%	23.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

The questionnaire asked respondents to indicate their marital status. Over three-quarters reported being married (78.0%) with 8.3% being single, 6.3% divorced, and 7.4% widowed. Respondents also were asked whether or not they had children living in their household and to indicate ages of the children living with them. A majority of respondents (59.3%) reported not having children living in their household. Table 4 presents the percentage children in various age categories for those respondents who reported children living with them.

Table 4
Distribution of Children's Ages in Respondent
Households Where Children Are Reported Present

Age Category of Child	Percent Households with Children in Age Category ¹
4 or under	27.2%
5 to 13	41.2%
14 to 18	35.3%
19 and over	15.1%

¹ Percentages sum to more than 100% because households can have children in more than one age category.

Nearly two-thirds (64.6%) of respondent households with children have at least one school-age child (5 -18 years). Just over one-quarter of respondent households with children (27.2%) have a child age 4 years or under and 15.1% have an 'adult' child living with them.

Respondent Education, Work Status, Work Status of Spouse, Household Income

Respondents were asked to indicate their highest level of education completed so far. Table 5 presents the reported educational attainment level of survey respondents.

Table 5
Educational Attainment of Respondents

Educational Attainment	Percent of Respondents
Some High School	0.9%
High School	18.2%
Some College	19.7%
Associate Degree	17.6%
Bachelor's Degree	26.9%
Graduate Degree	16.8%
Total	100.0%

Respondents show a relatively high level of educational attainment, with 43.7% reporting a bachelor's or graduate degree. In addition, virtually all respondents (99.1%) report graduating from high school. Because part of the survey sample was drawn from the Stearns Alumni Association mailing list, this result is not surprising. By contrast, in 2000, 85.7% of Penobscot County's population and 85.4% of Maine's population reported graduating from high school.

Table 6 shows the educational attainment profile of respondents 25 years and older compared with the educational attainment of the Maine and Penobscot County population aged 25 and over reported in the 2000 Census.

Table 6
Educational Attainment of Respondents
25 Years or Older, Compared With Penobscot County and State ¹

Educational Attainment	Percent of Respondents	Penobscot County	State
Less than High School	0.0%	5.1%	5.4%
Some High School	.9%	9.2%	9.2%
High School	18.9%	38.4%	36.2%
Some College	19.1%	19.2%	19.0%
Associate Degree	17.6%	7.8%	7.3%
Bachelor's Degree	27.1%	12.9%	14.9%
Graduate Degree	17.2%	7.4%	7.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

¹ Restricting respondents to 25 years or older removed 13 cases.

The educational attainment levels of respondents are higher than for Penobscot County, and for Maine. Almost 45.0% of this study's respondents 25 years or older had a bachelor's degree or higher. This is a much higher percentage than for Penobscot County (20.3%), Maine (22.8%), and the U.S. (24.4%) (U.S. Census). The proportion of respondents with a bachelor's degree or higher is roughly twice that of Penobscot County or the state of Maine as a whole. If this sample is somewhat representative of all persons leaving the Katahdin Area, then the educational attainment profile of persons leaving the Katahdin Area is higher than the educational attainment profile of the regional or state population.

The questionnaire asked questions regarding respondents' work status and their type of work. Specifically, respondents were asked to select one category that best described their current work status and one category that best described their type of work. Table 7 presents the current work status of respondents.

Table 7
Current Work Status of Respondents

Work Status	Percent of Respondents
Work Full-Time	51.6%
Retired	22.4%
Work Part-Time	10.4%
Self-Employed	9.0%
Take Care of Home or Family Full Time	5.4%
Student	0.6%
Work Seasonal Jobs	0.4%
Out of Work	0.1%
Total	100.0%

Over two-thirds of respondents (71.0%) reported that they worked full time, part-time or was self-employed, and just over one-fifth reported being retired. Just over one percent of respondents reported they were students, worked seasonal jobs or were out of work.

Table 8 presents the reported current type of work for those respondents who reported they worked full-time, part-time, worked seasonal jobs or were self-employed. (In addition to those respondents included in Table 8, 39 of the 150 respondents who indicated they were retired also reported a work type, with one-third indicating they were a professional or manager and just under one-quarter indicating they were a K-12 educator.)

Table 8
Current Type of Work of Respondents

Work Type	Percent of Respondents
Professional or Manager	42.8%
Other	22.9%
Skilled Trades	11.9%
Owner	9.4%
Educator (K-12)	4.6%
Retail	2.7%
Factory Work	1.9%
Laborer	1.9%
Educator (College)	1.9%
Total	100.0%

The most frequently selected work type was professional/manager, followed by ‘other’ and skilled trades. An examination of those who selected the ‘other’ category reveals a wide variety of reported employment. Examples include administrative, corrections officer, health care, postal service, sales, and truck driver.

Respondents reporting being married or living with a partner, were asked to identify the work status and work type of their spouse/partner. The results are similar to the respondent data presented above. Most spouses/partners worked full-time (51.7%) or were retired (21.1%). In terms of work type, professional/manager was the most common work type (43.4%) followed by skilled trades (12.6%).

The questionnaire presented several household income categories and asked respondents to check the category that best described their yearly household income in 2005 before taxes. Table 9 presents the household income ranges reported by respondents.

Table 9
Household Income of Respondents

Household Income Category	Percent of Respondents
Less than \$10,000	1.3%
\$10,000 to \$24,499	7.5%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	20.8%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	21.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	21.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,000	16.5%
\$150,000 and Above	10.9%
Total	100.0%

Slightly less than 30.0% of respondents report household incomes of \$49,999 or less. Slightly more than 70.0% report household incomes of \$50,000 or more, with 26.4% reporting household incomes of \$100,000 or more. This household income profile is greater than for Penobscot County households. The 2003 median household income in Penobscot County is \$36,485 (U.S. Census). While we cannot precisely determine the median respondent household income from the survey data, it is safe to say that it lies between \$50,000 and \$74,999 and, therefore, is greater than the median household income in Penobscot County.

Respondent Family and Friends, Land Ownership, and Parental Birth Location

In addition to soliciting traditional demographic data about respondents, the questionnaire asked about respondent visitation to the Katahdin Area. Although this topic is explored in depth later in the report, some of the visitation questions were demographic in nature. Questions asked if the respondent has family or friends in the Katahdin Area, if the respondent's mother or father were born in the Katahdin Area, and if the respondent owned or leased land in the Northern Penobscot/Southern Aroostook County area.

Regarding family and friends, 96.6% of those responding reported having family and friends in the Katahdin Area. Specifically, 47.5 % reported having parents, 50.8% reported having brothers or sisters, 51.6% reported having extended family, and 70.6% reported having friends in the Katahdin Area. Close to one-half of respondents had a parent born in the Katahdin Area; 48.3% reported their mother born there and 44.2% their father.

In terms of owning or leasing property, 15.5% of respondents indicated they owned or leased property in the Katahdin Area. Of these respondents, 54.8 % owned or leased a seasonal camp, 4.8% owned or leased land, and 36.5% owned or leased a house.

Differences in Selected Demographic Variables Across Respondents: Region, Age, Visitation Frequency, and Likelihood of Return

We examined how respondent demographics across four factors could be related to respondents' decisions to return to the Katahdin area to live. The four factors are the respondents' region of residence; age; visitation frequency to the Katahdin Area; and the likelihood of returning to the Katahdin Area to live. Statistically significant differences are presented with "p" values reported for each test found to be significant at the .05 level.

Region of Residence: Respondents' current states of residence were grouped into three categories: Maine, other New England states, and states outside New England. The demographic variables examined across residence region were: the presence of children in the household, education, household income, work status, and likelihood of return. We found no statistically significant relationships with education or work status. This means the education and work status profiles of respondents living in the three regions did not differ significantly from one another. We found statistically significant relationships with presence of children, household income and likelihood of return.

Presence of Children: Table 10 shows that the proportion of respondent households with children varies by region.

Table 10
Presence of Children in Household by Region of Residence

	Region of Current Residence			
Presence of Children in Home	Maine	All Other New England States	States Outside New England	Total
Yes	47.3%	30.8%	34.6%	40.7%
No	52.7%	69.2%	65.4%	59.3%
Total	100.0% (n=353)	100.0% (n=104)	100.0% (n=211)	100.0% (n=668)

p = .001

Respondents living in Maine are most likely to have children living with them (47.3%), followed by respondents living outside New England (34.6%), then those in other New England states (30.8%).

Household Income: Table 11 shows the proportion of respondent households in various income categories by region.

Table 11
Household Income Level by Region of Residence

	Region of Current Residence			
Household Income Category	Maine	All Other New England States	States Outside New England	Total
\$49,000 or less	33.3%	26.3%	24.9%	29.6%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	43.2%	34.3%	47.1%	43.0%
\$100,000 or more	23.5%	39.4%	28.0%	27.5%
Total	100.0% (n=354)	100.0% (n=99)	100.0% (n=189)	100.0% (n=612)

p = .012

Respondents living in Maine and in states outside New England have lower household incomes than do respondents living in other New England states.

Likelihood of Return: For this analysis, we collapsed responses to the question, “When do you see yourself living in the Katahdin Area again?” into two categories: never return and could return. The ‘could return’ category includes respondents who indicated they could see themselves living in the area within 5 years, those who could see themselves living in the area within 10 years, and those who were not sure. The ‘never return’ category includes respondents who indicated they would never live in the Katahdin Area again. Table 12 shows the proportion of respondents in each category by region of current residence.

Table 12
Likelihood to Return to Katahdin Area by Region of Residence

	Region of Current Residence			
Likelihood to Return	Maine	All Other New England States	States Outside New England	Total
Never Return	54.0%	49.5%	62.9%	56.1%
Could Return	46.0%	50.5%	37.1%	43.9%
Total	100.0% (n=348)	100.0% (n=103)	100.0% (n=210)	100.0% (n=661)

p = .042

The other New England states region contains the greatest proportion of respondents who reported they could return (50.5%) followed by Maine (46.0%) and then respondents from outside New England (37.1%).

Age of Respondent: The Respondent age was divided into four categories: under 40 years, 40 – 49 years, 50 – 64 years, and 65 years or older. The following demographic variables were examined across age: education, household income, and likelihood of return. We found statistically significant relationships with all four variables.

Education: Table 13 shows the proportion of respondents in each education level category by age. We used three education level categories: high school or less, some college or associate’s degree, and bachelor’s degree or higher.

Table 13
Education Level of Respondent by Age Category

	Age Category				
Highest Level of Education	Under Age 40	Age 40–49	Age 50–64	Age 65 or Older	Total
High school or less	7.8%	16.3%	17.7%	34.2%	19.0%
Some college or associate's degree	34.8%	41.6%	39.2%	32.2%	37.3%
Bachelors degree of higher	57.4%	42.1%	43.1%	33.6%	43.7%
Total	100.0% (n=141)	100.0% (n=190)	100.0% (n=181)	100.0% (n=152)	100.0% (n=664)

p = .000

Table 13 clearly shows that younger respondents have higher levels of educational attainment.

Household Income: Table 14 presents the proportion of respondents in each income bracket by age.

Table 14
Household Income Category of Respondent by Age Category

	Age Category				
Household Income Category	Under Age 40	Age 40–49	Age 50–64	Age 65 or Older	Total
\$49,000 or less	27.9%	15.9%	26.3%	55.6%	29.6%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	41.9%	50.5%	40.1%	36.5%	42.9%
\$100,000 or more	30.1%	33.5%	33.5%	7.9%	27.5%
Total	100.0% (n=136)	100.0% (n=182)	100.0% (n=167)	100.0% (n=126)	100.0% (n=611)

p = .000

Respondents aged 40 – 49 years have the highest household income profile, followed by those 50 – 64 years and those under 40 years. Respondents over 65 years had the lowest household income profile, with over half reporting household incomes of \$49,000 or less.

Likelihood of Return: Table 15 displays the proportion of respondents indicating they will never return or could return and those indicating they could return by age category.

Table 15
Likelihood to Return to the Katahdin Area by Age Category

	Age Category				
Likelihood to Return	Under Age 40	Age 40 – 49	Age 50 – 64	Age 65 or Older	Total
Never Return	46.4%	49.5%	59.3%	69.3%	56.0%
Could Return	53.6%	50.5%	40.7%	30.7%	44.0%
Total	100.0% (n=140)	100.0% (n=190)	100.0% (n=177)	100.0% (n=150)	100.0% (n=657)

p = .000

Younger respondents are much more likely to indicate that they could return than are older respondents. For respondents under 40 years, 53.6% indicated they could return. For respondents 65 years or older, only 30.7% indicate they could return.

Visitation Frequency: We developed three visitation frequency categories in responses to the question “How frequently do you visit the Katahdin Area?”: more than once a year, about once a year, and every few years/seldom. The following demographic variables were examined across visitation frequency: presence of children living in the home, education, household income, work status, and likelihood of return. We found no statistically significant relationships with education or household income. We found statistically significant relationships with presence of children in the household, work status, and likelihood of return.

Presence of Children: Table 16 presents the proportion of respondents with and without children living in their home by visitation frequency.

Table 16
Presence of Children in Household by Visitation Frequency

	Visitation Frequency			
Presence of Children in Household	More than Once a Year	About Once a Year	Every several years/seldom	Total
Yes	45.9%	30.9%	39.0%	41.3%
No	54.1%	69.1%	61.0%	58.7%
Total	100.0% (n=353)	100.0% (n=123)	100.0% (n=164)	100.0% (n=640)

p = .012

Respondents visiting more than once a year were more likely to have children living at home (45.9%) than were those visiting once a year or those visiting every several years.

Work Status: We used three work status categories: those who work full-time or are self-employed, those who are retired, and other (work part-time, work seasonal jobs, out of work, take care of home or family full-time, student). Table 17 presents the work status of respondents by visitation frequency.

Table 17
Work Status of Respondent by Visitation Frequency

	Visitation Frequency			
Work Status	More than Once a Year	About Once a Year	Every several years/seldom	Total
Work full-time, Self-employed	69.0%	52.8%	50.9%	61.2%
Retired	14.1%	29.3%	31.5%	21.5%
Other	16.9%	17.9%	17.6%	17.3%
Total	100.0% (n=355)	100.0% (n=123)	100.0% (n=165)	100.0% (n=643)

p = .000

Respondents who visit more than once a year are more likely to work full-time or be self-employed than those who visit less frequently. Specifically, 60.3% of respondents visiting more than once a year worked full-time or were self-employed compared to 42.3% of those who visit about once a year and 41.2% of those who visit only once every few years.

Likelihood of Return: Visitation frequency and respondents' likelihood of return are related and are presented in Table 18.

Table 18
Likelihood to Return to Katahdin Area by Visitation Frequency

	Visitation Frequency			
Likelihood to Return	More than Once a Year	About Once a Year	Every several years/seldom	Total
Never Return	44.5%	63.1%	71.5%	55.1%
Could Return	55.5%	36.9%	28.5%	44.9%
Total	100.0% (n=346)	100.0% (n=122)	100.0% (n=165)	100.0% (n=633)

p = .000

Respondents who visit the Katahdin Area more than once a year were much more likely to indicate they could return (55.5%) than were respondents who visit less frequently. Respondents who visit only once every few years were the least likely to indicate they could return.

Likelihood of Return: The following demographic variables were examined across likelihood to return to the Katahdin Area: education, household income, and work status. We found no statistically significant relationships with education or household income. We found a statistically significant relationship with work status.

Work Status: Table 19 presents work status and respondents' likelihood of returning to the Katahdin Area.

Table 19
Work Status by Likelihood to Return to the Katahdin Area

	Likelihood of Return		
Work Status	Never Return	Could Return	Total
Work full-time, Self-employed	52.4%	72.4%	61.2%
Retired	28.7%	13.5%	22.0%
Other	18.9%	14.1%	16.8%
Total	100.0% (n=370)	100.0% (n=290)	100.0% (n=660)

p = .000

Of the respondents who indicated they could return, 72.4% are working full-time or are self-employed and 14.1% are retired. In contrast, for respondents who said they would never return, 52.4% are working full time and 18.9% are retired.

REASONS FOR LEAVING THE KATAHDIN AREA, COMPARISONS OF KATAHDIN AREA WITH CURRENT RESIDENCE, LIKELIHOOD TO RETURN TO THE AREA

Some of the research questions motivating this study are to determine when respondents left the Katahdin Area, why they left, their perceptions of the Katahdin Area relative to where they currently reside, and their likelihood to return. This section of the report presents the results of three sets of questions. The first addresses the number of years respondents lived in the Katahdin Area, how many years they have been gone, and their age when they left. The second addresses the reasons why respondents left the Katahdin Area. The third looks at likelihood to return to the area.

The section concludes by examining if the means (average) of selected age and time variables vary statistically across three factors that could be related to respondents' decisions to return to the Katahdin Area to live. These factors are: the respondents' region of residence, their visitation frequency to the Katahdin Area, and their likelihood of returning to the Katahdin Area to live.

Respondent Years Living in Katahdin Area, Years Gone, and Age When Left

Table 20 presents summary statistics for the total number of years respondents lived in the Katahdin Area, the total number of years respondents have been gone from the Katahdin Area, and the age of respondents when they left the Katahdin Area following their last period of residence there.

Table 20
Respondent Years Living In Katahdin Area,
Years Gone, And Age When Left

Summary Statistics (in years)	Total Years Lived	Number Years Gone	Age Left
Average	22.0	26.6	25.6
Median	20.0	23.0	21.0
Mode	18.0	20.0	18.0
Minimum	1.0	0.0	12.0
Maximum	84.0	71.0	81.0
Quartiles			
25 th	18.0	14.0	19.0
50 th	20.0	23.0	21.0
75 th	24.0	39.0	27.0

Total Years the Respondent Lived in the Katahdin Area: The average total number of years respondents lived in the Katahdin Area before they left is 22.0 years and the median is 20.0 years. The most frequently observed value (mode) is 18.0 years and reflects the typical 18 year old teenager who grows up in the area, graduates from high school, and leaves. A total of 150 of the 671 respondents (22.5%) reported 18.0 years as the total number of years lived in the Katahdin Area. Also note that the modal age when respondents left is 18.0 years. The last three rows in Table 20 show the 25th, 50th, and 75th percentiles. For example the 75th percentile value of 24.0 years indicates that three-quarters of the respondents lived a total of 24.0 years or less in the area.

Total Years Respondents Have Been Gone From the Katahdin Area: The average total number of years respondents have lived away from the Katahdin Area is 26.6 years and the median is 23.0 years. The most frequently observed value (mode) is 20.0, but represents only 3.8% of all the respondents. The 75th percentile value of 39.0 years indicates that three-quarters of the respondents have lived away a total of 39.0 years or less.

The Age of Respondents When They Left the Katahdin Area: The average age of respondents when they left is 25.6 years and the median is 21.0 years. The most frequently observed

value (mode) is 18.0 years, the age most students graduate from high school. A total of 130 of all respondents (19.4%) reported being 18.0 years old when they left the Katahdin Area. The 75th percentile value of 27.0 years indicates that three-quarters of the respondents left when they were 27.0 years or younger.

Why Respondents Left

The questionnaire asked respondents to rank the importance of various reasons for leaving after their most recent period of living in the Katahdin Area. For each reason, there were three ranking choices: not important at all, somewhat important, and most important. Table 21 shows the details of the responses.

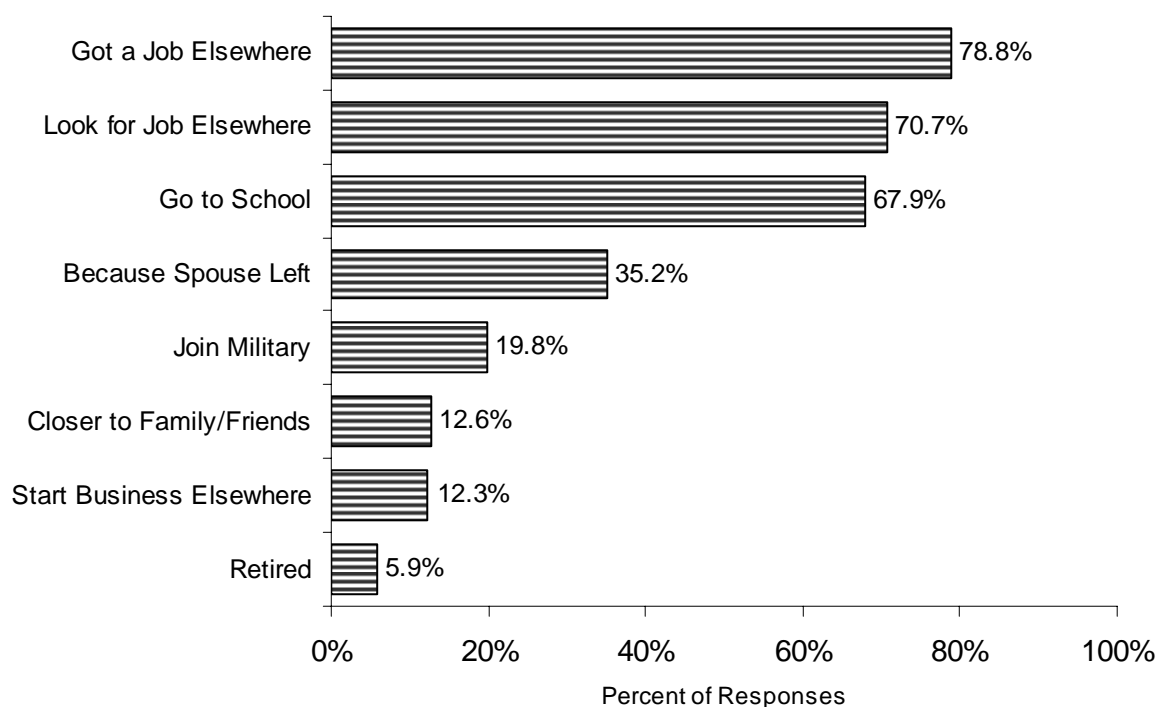
Table 21
Reasons for Leaving the Katahdin Area

Reason	Most Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Got a job elsewhere	67.2%	11.6%	21.2%
Go to school	56.8%	11.1%	32.1%
Look for a job elsewhere	47.8%	22.9%	29.3%
Because spouse left	31.6%	3.6%	64.7%
Join military	17.8%	2.0%	80.2%
Start business elsewhere	6.4%	5.9%	87.7%
Be closer to family/friends	5.6%	7.0%	87.4%
Retired	3.5%	2.4%	94.1%

Respondents ranked got a job elsewhere, go to school, and look for a job elsewhere as being the most important reasons for their most recent decision to leave the area. The degree of importance attributed to these three reasons is considerably higher than for the remaining five reasons.

Grouping together the responses of somewhat important and most important, the importance of employment and education as major reasons for leaving the Katahdin Area is even more apparent, as depicted in Figure 1.

Figure 1
Reasons For Leaving Katahdin Area
Somewhat Or Most Important



Over three quarters (78.8%) of those responding indicated that a somewhat important or most important reason for leaving was that they got a job elsewhere; almost three quarters (70.7%) indicated that look for a job elsewhere was a somewhat important or most important reason; and over two thirds (67.9%) indicated that going to school was a somewhat important or most important reason. Most respondents left the Katahdin Area for employment and education reasons.

How the Katahdin Area Compares to Current Residence

Respondents were asked to rate the Katahdin Area in comparison to their current living location (residence). The questionnaire presented a variety of area living factors (e.g., availability of career opportunities, affordability of housing) and asked respondents to rate the Katahdin Area in comparison to where they currently live. The rating choices were: much worse, worse, same, better, much better, and don't know. Table 22 presents each factor and how respondents compare the Katahdin Area to where they currently live; responses for much better/better and for worse/much worse were collapsed for analysis.

Table 22
Respondent Ranking of Katahdin Area in Comparison to Current Living Location
(Residence)

Factor	Better, Much Better	Same	Worse, Much Worse	Don't Know	Total
Housing Affordability	66.5%	10.1%	14.5%	8.9%	100.0%
Housing Availability	44.2%	28.4%	15.9%	11.5%	100.0%
Recreational Activities	40.1%	37.4%	20.4%	2.1%	100.0%
Safety	38.6%	51.4%	6.8%	3.2%	100.0%
Good Place to Retire	33.8%	30.1%	26.7%	9.5%	100.0%
Good Place to Raise Family	32.2%	40.9%	23.7%	3.2%	100.0%
K-12 Education Quality	18.1%	30.0%	29.1%	22.8%	100.0%
Career Opportunities	16.4%	4.1%	76.9%	2.7%	100.0%
Cultural & Social Activities	16.0%	8.5%	72.6%	2.9%	100.0%
Salary/Wage Levels	15.5%	12.7%	64.7%	7.1%	100.0%
Business Opportunities	14.0%	7.2%	71.3%	7.5%	100.0%
College Availability	13.9%	16.0%	58.8%	11.3%	100.0%
Public Transport Availability	13.9%	15.1%	64.7%	6.3%	100.0%
Healthcare Availability	13.9%	26.5%	48.5%	11.1%	100.0%
Healthcare Quality	12.3%	28.5%	41.0%	18.2%	100.0%
Good Place for Single Life	12.1%	14.8%	57.2%	15.9%	100.0%

Close to two-thirds of respondents rated housing affordability as being better or much better in the Katahdin Area compared to their current living location. Respondents also rated the Katahdin Area favorably compared with their current living location in terms of housing availability (44.2% much better or better) and in availability of recreational activities (40.1% much better or better).

More than two-thirds of respondents rated three factors as being worse or much worse in the Katahdin Area compared to their current living location: career opportunities, cultural and social activities, and business opportunities. Four other factors were rated by over half of respondents as being worse or much worse in the Katahdin Area: salary/wage levels, public transportation availability, college availability, and being a good place for single life.

Respondents were somewhat unsure about two factors when comparing the Katahdin Area with their current living location: the quality of K-12 education (22.8% responded don't know) and healthcare quality (18.2% responded don't know).

Differences in Selected 'Leaving' Variables Across Respondents' Region, Visitation Frequency, and Likelihood of Return

Using the same approach as in the previous section, selected 'leaving' variables were examined across region, visitation frequency, and likelihood of return. Appropriate statistical tests were performed. Statistically significant findings are reported in detail. 'p' values are reported for each test found to be significant at the .05 significance level or better.

Region of Residence: The 'leaving' variables examined across residence are: years lived in the Katahdin region, years gone, and age left. We found statistically significant different sub-group means with all of the variables.

Years Lived in Katahdin: Respondents living in Maine lived in the Katahdin Area on average the longest (22.9 years), followed by those living in states outside New England (21.5) and other New England states (20.3). ($p = .027$)

Years Gone: Respondents living in Maine have been gone the shortest average period of time (22.9 years), followed equally by respondents in other New England states (30.9) and in states outside New England (30.9). ($p = .000$)

Age Left: Respondents living in other New England states on average were youngest when they left (22.9 years), followed by respondents in states outside New England (24.9) and respondents living in Maine (26.9). ($p = .002$)

Likelihood of Return: The 'leaving' variables examined across likelihood of return were: years lived in the Katahdin region, years gone, and age left. We found no statistically significant differences in the sub-group means with the variables years lived in Katahdin Area and age left. We did find significantly different sub-group means with years gone.

Years Gone: Respondents who said they would never return have lived away from the Katahdin Area an average of 29.7% years. Respondents who indicated they could return have been away an average of 22.8 years. ($p = .000$)

Visitation Frequency: The 'leaving' variables examined across visitation frequency were: years lived in the Katahdin region, years gone, and age left. We found statistically significant different sub-group means with all of the variables.

Years Lived in Katahdin Area: Respondents visiting most frequently lived in the Katahdin Area the longest. Respondents visiting more than once a year, on average, lived in the area 23.1% years followed by 22.9 years for those visiting about once a year and 18.9 years for those visiting only every several years. ($p = .000$)

Years Gone: Respondents visiting most frequently have been gone on average the shortest period of time. Respondents who visit once a year have been gone an average of 20.5 years, followed by 31.3 years for those that visit once a year and 34.7 years for those who visit only every several years. ($p = .000$)

Age Left: Respondents visiting most frequently on average were older when they left than those who visit less frequently. Respondents visiting more than once a year on average were 29.9 years old when they left, followed by 25.9 years for those that visit once a year and 22.6 years for those that visit only every several years. ($p = .000$)

RESPONDENT REASONS FOR VISITING THE KATAHDIN AREA

Respondents were asked several questions about visiting the Katahdin Area. If respondents indicated they had visited the area since leaving, they were asked to indicate the year last visited, how often they visited, the reasons for their visits, and the activities they engaged in while visiting. We analyzed if selected reasons for visitation vary significantly across three factors that could be related to the respondent's decision to return to the Katahdin area to live. The three factors are respondents' region of residence, visitation frequency to the Katahdin Area, and the likelihood of returning to the Katahdin Area to live.

Almost all respondents (98.5%) indicated that they had visited the Katahdin Area since leaving. Only 1.5% had not returned. Of those respondents who visited, 92.0% reported visiting since 2000 and almost three-quarters (73.1%) reported visiting in either 2005 or 2006. Slightly more than half (55.2%) visit more than once a year, 19.1% visit once a year, 15.9% visit once every several years, and the remaining 9.8% seldom visit.

Respondents were asked to identify any or all of four reasons for visiting the Katahdin Area: visit family, business, vacation/recreation, and other. By far the most common response was to visit family (89.0%). The second most common response was to vacation (31.3%), followed by business (5.1%) and other (9.4%). Common other reasons included class reunions, funerals, and owning a camp. (15.5% of respondents report owning or leasing a camp in the area.)

Respondents also were asked to identify any or all of a variety of activities that they participated in while visiting. Reported participation rates were: boating (32.6%), hiking (32.3%), fishing (27.7%), snowmobiling (16.1%), hunting (15.1%), skiing (8.9%), other (20.4%), and none (30.1%). Based on these rates, no one particular activity appears overwhelmingly popular. Boating, hiking, and fishing are the three most popular activities, with about one-third of the respondents participating in these activities when they visit the Katahdin Area. These are followed by snowmobiling and hunting.

Differences in Selected Reason for Visiting Variables Across Respondents' Region, Visitation Frequency, and Likelihood of Return

Using the same approach as before, selected 'reason for visiting' variables were examined across region, visitation frequency, and likelihood of return. Appropriate statistical tests were performed. Statistically significant findings are discussed. 'p' values are reported for each test found to be significant at the .05 significance level.

Region of Residence: The reason for visiting variables examined across residence are: last year of visit, family as a reason to visit, vacation as a reason to visit, and own/lease property in the Katahdin Area. We did not find statistically significant results with family as a reason to visit or vacation as a reason to visit. We found statistically significant results with year of last visit and own/lease property.

Last Year of Visit: Respondents living in Maine were much more likely to visit in the most recent year (2006) than respondents living in other regions. Half of respondents (50.0%) living in Maine visited the Katahdin Area in 2006, compared with 27.0% for those living in other New England states and 4.5% in states outside New England. ($p=.000$)

Own/lease Property: Respondents living in Maine were more likely to own/lease property than those living in the other regions. Almost one-fifth (19.4%) of Maine respondents indicated they own/leased property, compared with 11.8% for respondents living in other New England states and 11.5% for respondents living in states outside New England. ($p = .024$)

Visitation Frequency: The reason for visiting variables examined across visitation frequency are: family as a reason to visit, vacation/recreation as a reason to visit, and own/lease property. We found statistically significant differences with all of the variables.

Family as a Reason to Visit: Respondents visiting more than once a year or once a year were slightly more likely to indicate family as a reason to visit than those visiting every several years. The respective percentages are 94.6%, 94.3%, and 86.7%. ($p = .004$)

Vacation as a Reason to Visit: Respondents visiting more than once a year were more likely to indicate vacation as being a reason for visiting (38.9%) than those visiting less frequently (28.5%). ($p = .001$)

Own/lease Property: Respondents who visit more frequently are more likely to own/lease property in the area (23.7%) than those who visit less frequently (3.1%). ($p = .000$)

Likelihood of Return: The reason for visiting variables examined across likelihood of return are: year of last visit, family as a reason to visit, vacation/recreation as a reason to visit, and own/lease property. We found statistically significant results with all four variables.

Last year of Visit: Respondents who visited the Katahdin Area in 2006 were more likely to indicate they could return to live in the area (41.8%) than those who had not visited in 2006 (23.5%). (p=.000)

Family as a Reason to Visit: While both never return and could return groups overwhelmingly indicate family as a reason to visit, a larger proportion of respondents reporting they could return to live (92.8%) indicate family as a reason to visit than do respondents reporting they would never return (85.7%). (p = .004)

Vacation as a Reason to Visit: Respondents reporting they could return to live are more likely than respondents reporting they would never return to cite vacations as a reason to visit. More specifically, 46.6% of the respondents reporting they could return to live cite a vacation as being a reason to visit compared with 19.4% for respondents reporting they would never return. (p = .000)

Own/lease property: Respondents reporting they could return are more likely than those reporting they would never return to own/lease land in the Katahdin Area. More specifically, 21.9% of the could return respondents own/lease land compared with 9.6% for the never return respondents. (p = .000)

RESPONDENT OPINIONS ON STRATEGIES TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO RETURN TO THE KATAHDIN AREA

One of the objectives of the survey was for respondents to rank the importance of suggested strategies to encourage former residents, like themselves, to return to the Katahdin Area to live. Two strategy examples are: create more jobs and attract more cultural events. The ranking choices included: not at all important, not very important, neither important nor unimportant, somewhat important, very important, and don't know. Respondents also were asked to identify the one strategy from the list they thought was most important. Table 23 below presents each strategy and its associated ranking distribution.

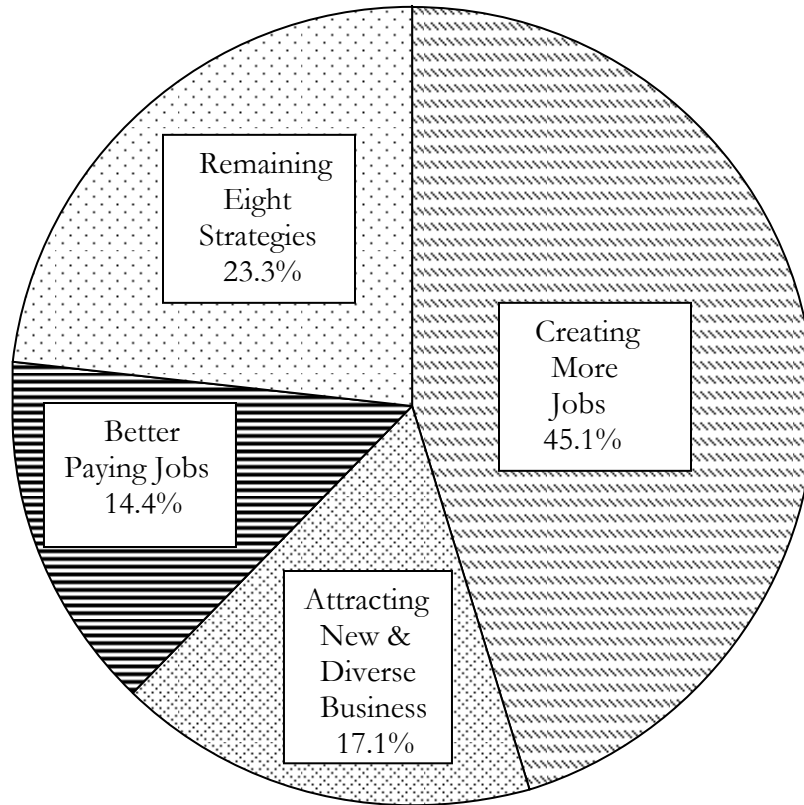
Table 23
Respondent Ranking of Strategy Importance to Encourage
Those Who Left to Return to the Katahdin Area

Strategy	Not at all important	Not very important	Neither important nor unimportant	Somewhat important	Very important	Don't know	Total
Create more jobs	4.7%	2.1%	2.8%	8.6%	79.4%	2.4%	100.0%
Attract new & diverse business	3.4%	1.6%	4.6%	16.2%	71.4%	2.8%	100.0%
Better paying jobs	3.8%	1.8%	4.5%	16.8%	70.6%	2.5%	100.0%
Improve retail shopping opportun.	3.2%	2.1%	7.7%	28.9%	54.9%	3.2%	100.0%
Improve availability of health care	3.6%	2.6%	12.0%	27.6%	45.8%	8.4%	100.0%
Create business tax incentives	4.3%	3.6%	11.5%	24.9%	45.3%	10.4%	100.0%
Attract more cultural events	3.8%	3.3%	13.0%	31.0%	44.8%	4.1%	100.0%
Improve education quality	3.5%	2.2%	14.7%	25.8%	43.3%	10.5%	100.0%
Develop retiree programs/ser-vices	4.6%	3.9%	13.6%	31.9%	39.0%	7.0%	100.0%
Improve recreation opportun.	4.1%	6.3%	20.8%	32.0%	32.2%	4.6%	100.0%
Improve public transportation	7.6%	10.9%	22.9%	26.5%	26.6%	5.5%	100.0%

More than half of respondents rated each strategy as being somewhat important or very important. For most strategies, 70.0% or more of the respondents rated the strategy as being somewhat or very important. The three strategies rated as being most important were create more jobs, attract new and diverse business, and better paying jobs. These results are not surprising. Getting a job elsewhere and looking for a job elsewhere were rated by respondents as the two most important reasons for leaving the Katahdin Area. In addition, a high percentage of respondents rated career opportunities and salary/wage levels as being worse or much worse in the Katahdin Area relative to where they are currently living.

In addition to rating the various strategies, respondents were asked to choose the one strategy from the list they thought was most important. As depicted in Figure 2, creating more jobs was the most frequent response (45.1%), followed by attracting new and diverse business (17.2%) and then better paying jobs (14.4%). The remaining eight strategies together were chosen by 23.3% of the respondents, with no one strategy being selected by more than 4.5% of the respondents.

Figure 2
Single Most Important Strategy to Encourage Former Katahdin Area Residents to Return to the Area



APPENDIX 1

SURVEY MATERIALS

February 14, 2006

Dear Former Katahdin Area Resident:

Over the past couple of years, The Millinocket Area Growth and Investment Council (MAGIC) has worked to identify strategies to encourage businesses and people to locate in the region. MAGIC has contracted with the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center to conduct a survey of former Katahdin Area residents to determine their reasons for leaving as well as the barriers to returning to the area.

You are one of a small number of former Katahdin Area residents being asked to give your opinions on these issues. Your name was drawn either as part of a sample provided to us by the Stearns Alumni Association, which is cooperating with us on this survey project, or was provided by a current Katahdin Area resident who responded to a local newspaper solicitation. In order for the results of this survey to truly represent the thinking of all former Katahdin Area residents, it is important that each questionnaire be completed and returned.

Completing this questionnaire should take about 20 minutes of your time. Your participation is voluntary and you do not have to answer any questions you don't want to. Except for your time and inconvenience, there are no risks in participating. Returning the questionnaire means you agree to participate. Your responses will remain confidential. The number stamped on the questionnaire will be used to remind those who do not return a completed questionnaire. The data file containing your name and address will be destroyed once the survey is completed. After you have completed the questionnaire, please return it in the postage-paid envelope provided.

The results of this survey will be made available to the Millinocket Area Growth and Investment Council and will be posted on their website: <http://www.hometokatahdin.com>. They are interested in charting strategies for businesses and people to locate in the Katahdin Area and to suggest plans to bring about a "preferred future" for the region. To do that, they need your help.

Please complete and return the questionnaire by March 8, 2006. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Ann Acheson at (207) 581-1567, ann.acheson@umit.maine.edu. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact Gayle Anderson, Assistant to the University of Maine's Protection of Human Subjects Review Board, 581-1498, gayle.anderson@umit.maine.edu.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Morris
Project Director

March 15, 2006

Dear Former Katahdin Area Resident:

About a month ago, we wrote to you to request your participation in a survey of former Katahdin area residents. As of today, our records indicate that we have not yet received your completed questionnaire.

Over the past couple of years, The Millinocket Area Growth and Investment Council (MAGIC) has worked to identify strategies to encourage businesses and people to locate in the region. MAGIC has contracted with the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center to conduct a survey of former Katahdin Area residents to determine their reasons for leaving as well as the barriers to returning to the area.

I am writing to you again because of the importance that each questionnaire has for planning and development in the Katahdin Area. You are one of a small number of former Katahdin Area residents being asked to give your opinions on these issues. Your name was drawn either as part of a sample provided to us by the Stearns Alumni Association, which is cooperating with us on this survey project, or was provided by a current Katahdin Area resident who responded to a local newspaper solicitation. In order for the results of this survey to truly represent the thinking of all former Katahdin Area residents, it is important that each questionnaire be completed and returned.

In the event that your original questionnaire has been misplaced, I am enclosing a replacement questionnaire for you to complete and return in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Completing this questionnaire should take about 20 minutes of your time. Your participation is voluntary and you do not have to answer any questions you don't want to. Except for your time and inconvenience, there are no risks in participating. Returning the questionnaire means you agree to participate. Your responses will remain confidential. The number stamped on the questionnaire is used only to remind those who do not return a completed questionnaire. The data file containing your name and address will be destroyed once the survey is completed.

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Project Director

The Katahdin Area

A Survey of Those Who Left

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Thank you for your help.

First, we would like to ask you some questions about where you are living now and about when you lived in the Katahdin Area.

1. What is your current town and state of residence? *(write your answer below)*

Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

2. How many years have you lived there *(write your answer below)*

_____ years

3. How many years did you live in the Katahdin area (Millinocket, East Millinocket, Medway area)?

_____ years

4. During what time period(s) did you live in the Katahdin area? *(write your answer below)*

From _____ (year) to _____ (year)

From _____ (year) to _____ (year)

From _____ (year) to _____ (year)

5. Have you visited the Katahdin area since leaving? *(check one)*

- ☐ Yes
☐ No *(GO TO QUESTION 10)*

6. In what year did you last visit the area? *(write your answer below)*

_____ *(year)*

7. How frequently do you visit the Katahdin area? *(check one)*

- ☐ More than once a year ☐ Every several years
☐ About once a year ☐ Seldom/rarely

8. What are the usual reasons for your visit? *(check all that apply)*

- ☐ Visit Family/friends ☐ Vacation/recreation
☐ Business ☐ Other *(specify)* _____

9. When you visit the Katahdin area, what kinds of outdoor activities do you do?
(check all that apply)

- ☐ None ☐ Hunting
☐ Snowmobiling ☐ Skiing
☐ Fishing ☐ Hiking
☐ Boating ☐ Other *(specify)* _____

10. Do you own or lease property in the Northern Penobscot/Southern Aroostook County area?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No *(GO TO QUESTION 12)*

11. What type of property do you own or lease? *(check all that apply)*

- ☐ Camp (seasonal) ☐ House
☐ Land only ☐ Other *(specify)* _____

12. Do you have family or friends in the Katahdin area? *(check all that apply)*

- ☐ No family or friends ☐ Extended family
☐ Parents ☐ Friends
☐ Brothers or sisters

13. Was your mother born in the Katahdin area?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

14. Was your father born in the Katahdin area?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Next, we would like to ask you about why you chose to leave the Katahdin Area and about any plans you may have to return.

15. Some common reasons why people leave an area are listed below. Some people leave more than once, such as first to join the military and later to find a job. Please indicate how important each of the following was in your most recent decision to leave the Katahdin area to live somewhere else.

(check one answer for each reason below)

Reason	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Most Important
A. I left the area because I got a job elsewhere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. I left the area to look for a job elsewhere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. I left the area to start a business elsewhere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. I left the area to go to school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. I left the area to join the military	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. I left the area when I retired	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. I left the area to be closer to family or friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. I left the area because my spouse/partner did	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. Other reason <i>(please specify below)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. For each of the following factors, please rate the Katahdin area in comparison to where you currently live. *(check one answer for each factor below)*

Factor	Compared to where I live now, the Katahdin area is:					
	Much Worse	Worse	Same	Better	Much Better	Don't Know
A. Availability of career opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Salary / wage levels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Opportunities for business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Availability of cultural and social activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Availability of recreational activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. A good place to raise a family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. A good place for single life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. A good place to retire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. A place where I feel safe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. Availability of public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K. Availability of housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L. Affordability of housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M. Availability of healthcare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N. Quality of healthcare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
O. Quality of K-12 education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P. Availability of post-secondary education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. How likely is it you will move from your current location within the next 10 years? *(check one)*

- ☐ Not at all likely
- ☐ Not very likely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Not sure

18. When do you see yourself living in the Katahdin area again? *(check one)*

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Within the next 5 years
- ☐ Within the next 10 years
- ☐ Not sure

19. If you came back to the Katahdin area, what would be the reasons? *(check all that apply)*

- ☐ I will not return
- ☐ To retire
- ☐ To start a business
- ☐ To find employment
- ☐ To be closer to family
- ☐ Other *(specify)* _____

20. How important are the following strategies to encourage former residents such as yourself to return to the Katahdin area? *(check one answer for each strategy below)*

Strategy	Not at all important	Not very important	Neither important nor unimportant	Somewhat important	Very important	Don't know
A. Create more jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Have better paying jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Attract new and diverse businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Create tax incentives for businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Improve availability of quality healthcare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Improve education quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Develop programs/services for retirees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Attract more cultural events and entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. Improve retail (shopping) opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. Improve recreational opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K. Improve public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L. Other strategies <i>(please specify below)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. Which one of the strategies listed in Question 20 (A – L) do you think is the most important?

_____ *(write in letter)*

22. How much do you rely on each of the following methods to keep in touch with developments and news in the Katahdin area? *(check one answer for each method below)*

Method	Not at all	Somewhat	A Lot
A. Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. TV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Radio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Other <i>(specify)</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Finally, we would like to ask some questions about you and your family.

23. What is your sex?

- ☐ Male
☐ Female

24. In what year were you born?

19 ____ *(year)*

25. Do you currently have children living at home with you?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No *(GO TO QUESTION 27)*

26. Please indicate how many children living at home with you are in each of the following age groups? *(write numbers in spaces below)*

___ 4 years and under
 ___ 5-13 years
 ___ 14-18 years
 ___ 19 years or over

27. What is the highest grade of school you have completed so far? *(check one)*

- ☐ 8th grade or less
☐ Some high school, no diploma
☐ High school diploma or GED
☐ Some college courses
☐ Associate's degree, certificate, or diploma
☐ Bachelor's degree
☐ Graduate or professional degree

28. Are you currently enrolled in post-secondary education? *(check one)*

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, Associate degree program
- ☐ Yes, Bachelor degree program
- ☐ Yes, Graduate or professional degree program

29. From what high school did you graduate? *(check one)*

- ☐ Did not graduate high school
- ☐ Stearns
- ☐ Schenck
- ☐ Other Maine high school *(specify)* _____
- ☐ High school outside of Maine *(specify)* _____

30. In what year did you graduate from high school?

_____ *(year)*

31. If you have completed post-secondary education, please list schools from which you graduated.

School:	Years Attended:	Degree:
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____

32. Which one of the following best describes your current work status? *(check one)*

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work full-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Take care of home or family full time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work part-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Self employed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work seasonal jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Out of work | <input type="checkbox"/> Student |

33. If you work, which one of the following best describes your type of work? *(check one)*

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional/manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Educator (K – 12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Educator (post-secondary) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laborer | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled trades | <input type="checkbox"/> Factory work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify)</i> | |

34. Which one of the following best describes your marital status? *(check one)*

- ☐ Married or living with partner
- ☐ Single *(GO TO QUESTION 37)*
- ☐ Divorced *(GO TO QUESTION 37)*
- ☐ Widowed *(GO TO QUESTION 37)*

35. Which one of the following best describes your spouse/partner's current work status?
(check one)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work full-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Take care of home or family full time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work part-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Self employed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work seasonal jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Out of work | <input type="checkbox"/> Student |

36. If your spouse/partner works, which one of the following best describes his/her type of work?

(check one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional/manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Educator (K - 12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laborer | <input type="checkbox"/> Factory work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled trades | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify)</i> _____ |
- _____

37. Which one of the following best represents your yearly household income in 2005 before taxes?
(check one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 to \$99,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 to \$24,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 to \$149,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 to \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 and above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to \$74,999 | |

Thank you for completing the questionnaire. Please mail the completed questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid return envelope.

APPENDIX 2

Survey Results

The Katahdin Area

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Overall Survey Responses

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First, we would like to ask you some questions about where you are living now and about when you lived in the Katahdin Area.

1. What is your current town and state of residence? *(write your answer below)*

53.1% Maine 15.5% All Other new England States 31.4% All Other States

2. How many years have you lived there *(write your answer below)*

Mean 15.7 years Median 11.0 years

3. How many years did you live in the Katahdin area (Millinocket, East Millinocket, Medway area)?
(write your answer below)

Mean 22.0 years Median 20.0 years

4. During what time period(s) did you live in the Katahdin area? *(write your answer below)*

{Years away from Katahdin area since last left}: Mean 26.6 years Median 23.0 years

5. Have you visited the Katahdin area since leaving? *(check one)*

98.5% Yes

1.5% No *(GO TO QUESTION 10)*

6. In what year did you last visit the area? *(write your answer below)*

2006: 32.1% 2005: 41.0% 2004: 9.1% 2003: 4.9% 1905-2002: 12.9%

7. How frequently do you visit the Katahdin area? *(check one)*

55.2% More than once a year

15.9% Every several years

19.1% About once a year

9.8% Seldom/rarely

8. What are the usual reasons for your visit? *(check all that apply)*

92.8% Visit Family/friends

32.7% Vacation/recreation

5.3% Business

9.8% Other *(specify)* _____

9. When you visit the Katahdin area, what kinds of outdoor activities do you do?
(check all that apply)

32.3% None

16.1% Hunting

17.3% Snowmobiling

9.6% Skiing

29.7% Fishing

34.7% Hiking

35.0% Boating

21.9% Other *(specify)*

10. Do you own or lease property in the Northern Penobscot/Southern Aroostook County area?

15.7% Yes

84.3% No *(GO TO QUESTION 12)*

11. What type of property do you own or lease? *(check all that apply)*

54.1% Camp (seasonal)

45.0% House

5.4% Land only

6.3% Other *(specify)* _____

12. Do you have family or friends in the Katahdin area? *(check all that apply)*

3.5% No family or friends

52.3% Extended family

48.2% Parents

71.6% Friends

51.5% Brothers or sisters

13. Was your mother born in the Katahdin area?

48.3% Yes 51.7% No

14. Was your father born in the Katahdin area?

44.2% Yes 55.8% No

Next, we would like to ask you about why you chose to leave the Katahdin Area and about any plans you may have to return.

15. Some common reasons why people leave an area are listed below. Some people leave more than once, such as first to join the military and later to find a job. Please indicate how important each of the following was in your most recent decision to leave the Katahdin area to live somewhere else.
(check one answer for each reason below)

Reason	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Most Important
A. I left the area because I got a job elsewhere	21.2%	11.6%	67.2%
B. I left the area to look for a job elsewhere	29.3%	22.9%	47.8%
C. I left the area to start a business elsewhere	87.7%	5.9%	6.4%
D. I left the area to go to school	32.1%	11.1%	56.8%
E. I left the area to join the military	80.2%	2.0%	17.8%
F. I left the area when I retired	94.1%	2.4%	3.5%
G. I left the area to be closer to family or friends	87.4%	7.0%	5.6%
H. I left the area because my spouse/partner did	64.7%	3.6%	31.7%
I. Other reason (please specify below)	61.2%	4.7%	34.1%

16. For each of the following factors, please rate the Katahdin area in comparison to where you currently live. (check one answer for each factor below)

Factor	Compared to where I live now, the Katahdin area is:					
	Much Worse	Worse	Same	Better	Much Better	Don't Know
A. Availability of career opportunities	57.3%	19.5%	4.1%	5.8%	10.6%	2.7%
B. Salary / wage levels	34.1%	30.6%	12.7%	6.3%	9.2%	7.1%
C. Opportunities for business	36.7%	34.5%	7.2%	4.6%	9.5%	7.5%
D. Availability of cultural and social activities	37.3%	35.3%	8.5%	5.4%	10.6%	2.9%
E. Availability of recreational activities	4.0%	16.5%	37.3%	23.8%	16.3%	2.1%
F. A good place to raise a family	4.7%	19.0%	40.9%	19.5%	12.7%	3.2%
G. A good place for single life	31.4%	25.9%	14.8%	5.9%	6.1%	15.9%
H. A good place to retire	8.5%	18.1%	30.1%	19.4%	14.4%	9.5%
I. A place where I feel safe	1.7%	5.1%	51.4%	20.7%	17.9%	3.2%
J. Availability of public transportation	40.3%	24.4%	15.1%	6.7%	7.2%	6.3%
K. Availability of housing	5.0%	10.9%	28.3%	26.8%	17.5%	11.5%
L. Affordability of housing	5.2%	9.3%	10.1%	27.9%	38.6%	8.9%
M. Availability of healthcare	15.1%	33.4%	26.5%	7.1%	6.8%	11.1%
N. Quality of healthcare	11.5%	29.4%	28.6%	5.4%	6.9%	18.2%
O. Quality of K-12 education	8.1%	20.9%	30.1%	12.1%	5.9%	22.9%
P. Availability of post-secondary education	29.3%	29.5%	16.1%	5.6%	8.3%	11.2%

17. How likely is it you will move from your current location within the next 10 years? *(check one)*

28.6% Not at all likely

25.7% Not very likely

21.6% Somewhat likely

18.6% Very likely

5.5% Not sure

18. When do you see yourself living in the Katahdin area again? *(check one)*

56.1% Never

3.9% Within the next 10 years

2.9% Within the next 5 years

37.1% Not sure

19. If you came back to the Katahdin area, what would be the reasons? *(check all that apply)*

39.0% I will not return

2.6% To find employment

31.4% To retire

32.7% To be closer to family

4.3% To start a business

13.2% Other *(specify)* _____

20. How important are the following strategies to encourage former residents such as yourself to return to the Katahdin area? *(check one answer for each strategy below)*

Strategy	Not at all important	Not very important	Neither important nor unimportant	Somewhat important	Very important	Don't know
A. Create more jobs	4.7%	2.1%	2.8%	8.6%	79.4%	2.4%
B. Have better paying jobs	3.8%	1.8%	4.5%	16.8%	70.6%	2.5%
C. Attract new and diverse businesses	3.4%	1.6%	4.6%	16.2%	71.4%	2.8%
D. Create tax incentives for businesses	4.3%	3.5%	11.5%	24.9%	45.4%	10.4%
E. Improve availability of quality healthcare	3.6%	2.6%	12.0%	27.6%	45.8%	8.4%
F. Improve education quality	3.5%	2.2%	14.7%	25.8%	43.3%	10.5%
G. Develop programs/services for retirees	4.6%	3.9%	13.6%	31.9%	39.0%	7.0%
H. Attract more cultural events and entertainment	3.8%	3.3%	13.0%	31.0%	44.8%	4.1%
I. Improve retail (shopping) opportunities	3.2%	2.1%	7.7%	28.9%	54.9%	3.2%
J. Improve recreational opportunities	4.1%	6.3%	20.7%	32.0%	32.3%	4.6%
K. Improve public transportation	7.6%	10.9%	22.9%	26.4%	26.4%	5.8%
L. Other strategies <i>(please specify below)</i>	12.9%	0.9%	13.8%	5.2%	31.9%	35.3%

21. Which one of the strategies listed in Question 20 (A – L) do you think is the most important?

A=45.1% B=14.4% C=17.2% D=1.8% E=2.5% F=3.4% G=4.5% H=1.4% I=3.6% J=1.4% K=0.9% L=3.8%

22. How much do you rely on each of the following methods to keep in touch with developments and news in the Katahdin area? *(check one answer for each method below)*

Method	Not at all	Somewhat	A Lot
A. Family	7.8%	17.2%	75.0
B. Friends	17.6%	43.9%	38.5%
C. TV	52.0%	40.0%	8.0%
D. Radio	73.3%	23.9%	2.8%
E. Newspapers	22.1%	45.7%	32.2%
F. Internet	39.9%	38.5%	21.6%
G. Other <i>(specify)</i> _____	69.8%	15.1%	15.1%

Finally, we would like to ask some questions about you and your family.

23. What is your sex?

46.6% Male

53.4% Female

24. In what year were you born?

Age: **Mean** 52.4 years **Median** 50.0 years

25. Do you currently have children living at home with you?

40.7% Yes

59.6% No **(GO TO QUESTION 27)**

26. Please indicate how many children living at home with you are in each of the following age groups? *(write numbers in spaces below)*

11.0% 4 years and under

16.7% 5-13 years

14.3% 14-18 years

6.1% 19 years or over

27. What is the highest grade of school you have completed so far? *(check one)*

0.0% 8th grade or less

0.9% Some high school, no diploma

18.2% High school diploma or GED

19.7% Some college courses

17.6% Associate's degree, certificate, or diploma

26.8% Bachelor's degree

16.8% Graduate or professional degree

28. Are you currently enrolled in post-secondary education? *(check one)*

- 95.0% No
- 0.3% Yes, Associate degree program
- 2.4% Yes, Bachelor degree program
- 2.3% Yes, Graduate or professional degree program

29. From what high school did you graduate? *(check one)*

- 0.9% Did not graduate high school
- 83.6% Stearns
- 8.2% Schenck
- 6.0% Other Maine high school *(specify)*
- 1.3% High school outside of Maine *(specify)*

30. In what year did you graduate from high school?

1930 – 1960: 25% 1961-1975: 25% 1976-1983: 25% 1984-2004: 25%

31. If you have completed post-secondary education, please list schools from which you graduated.

School:	Years Attended:	Degree:
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____

32. Which one of the following best describes your current work status? *(check one)*

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| 51.7% Work full-time | 5.4% Take care of home or family full time |
| 10.4% Work part-time | 9.0% Self employed |
| 0.4% Work seasonal jobs | 22.4% Retired |
| 0.1% Out of work | 0.6% Student |

33. If you work, which one of the following best describes your type of work? *(check one)*

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 41.5% Professional/manager | 6.1% Educator (K – 12) |
| 9.5% Business owner | 1.7% Educator (post-secondary) |
| 1.7% Laborer | 2.9% Retail |
| 11.8% Skilled trades | 1.9% Factory work |
| 22.9% Other <i>(specify)</i> | |

34. Which one of the following best describes your marital status? *(check one)*

- 77.8% Married or living with partner
- 8.3% Single *(GO TO QUESTION 37)*
- 6.5% Divorced *(GO TO QUESTION 37)*
- 7.4% Widowed *(GO TO QUESTION 37)*

35. Which one of the following best describes your spouse/partner's current work status?
(check one)

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| 51.7% Work full-time | 6.2% Take care of home or family full time |
| 7.8% Work part-time | 11.0% Self employed |
| 1.0% Work seasonal jobs | 21.1% Retired |
| 0.8% Out of work | 0.4% Student |

36. If your spouse/partner works, which one of the following best describes his/her type of work?

(check one)

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 43.4% Professional/manager | 6.1% Educator (K – 12) |
| 12.6% Business owner | 2.8% Retail |
| 2.8% Laborer | 1.3% Factory work |
| 14.1% Skilled trades | 16.9% Other <i>(specify)</i> |

37. Which one of the following best represents your yearly household income in 2005 before taxes?
(check one)

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1.3% Less than \$10,000 | 21.1% \$75,000 to \$99,999 |
| 7.5% \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 16.5% \$100,000 to \$149,999 |
| 20.8% \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 10.9% \$150,000 and above |
| 21.9% \$50,000 to \$74,999 | |

Thank you for completing the questionnaire. Please mail the completed questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid return envelope.